

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

P. Harborth et al.

Confirmation No. 4209

Serial No. 10/551,332

Group Art Unit (not assigned)

Filed September 29, 2005

Examiner (not assigned)

For BIOFILTER SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PURIFYING GASES  
ESCAPING FROM A GULLY HOLE

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO DECISION ON REQUEST  
AND REQUEST FOR REVISED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Request mailed February 12, 2007, the undersigned includes the following herewith:

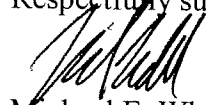
- 1) A copy of an assignment which assigns the interests of joint inventors Helmut Hanert and Matthias Nieber to joint inventor Peter Harborth.
- 2) A written consent of Peter Harborth, a joint-inventor and the owner of the application by assignment, to add Peter Harborth as a joint-inventor to the above-identified application.

This response completes all outstanding requirements mentioned in the Decision on Request. The undersigned requests an official filing receipt recognizing Dr. Harborth as the first named inventor, as is set forth in the declaration filed January 21, 2007.

Please proceed to examination on the merits.

Please charge any fees which may be required by this response, and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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## ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

*WHEREAS WE:*

NAME AND ADDRESS  
OF ASSIGNOR:

Helmut Hanert of Braunschweig, Germany  
and  
Matthias Nieber of Gommern Germany

(Hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION:

BIOFILTER SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PURIFYING  
GASES ESCAPING FROM A GULLY HOLE

(hereinafter referred to as INVENTION) for which a National Phase patent application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed on September 29, 2005 and has been assigned US Serial No 10/551,332. Said application being a national phase of International application No. PCT/DE2004/000430,

*WHEREAS:*

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS  
OF ASSIGNEE:

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(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefore in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

*NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:* Be it known that good and valuable consideration from ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNORS, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefor on said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

ASSIGNORS hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered

into which would conflict with this assignment and sale;

ASSIGNORS further covenant that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNORS and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes hereof.

ASSIGNORS further agree to sign and execute all necessary and lawful future documents, including applications for foreign patents, for filing divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application for patent and/or for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for the aforesaid INVENTION as the ASSIGNEE or its designee(s) may from time to time require and prepare at its own expense.

ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any United States Letters Patent which may issue on said INVENTION to said ASSIGNEE, as assignee of the whole right, title and interest thereto.

DATE OF SIGNING:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set hand and seal this 25 day of March, 2007.

Dr Helmut Hönert, Prof.  
Helmut Hönert

Matthias Nieber  
Matthias Nieber

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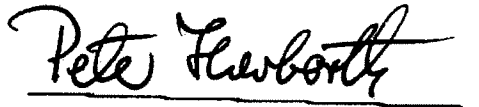
## CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

Sir:

I am the owner of the above-identified application by assignment of the interests of joint inventors Helmut Hanert and Matthias Nieber.

On June 21, 2007, a request to add myself (Peter Harborth) as a joint inventor was filed in the above-identified application. As the owner of the application, I hereby provide consent to add Peter Harborth as a joint inventor.

Date:

26.03.2007Peter Harborth